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- 1. BEFORE DISCUSSING WITH EXTAFF AND AIR CANADA PROPOSED AIR CANADA OPERATIONS TO CUBA, EMBASSY DESIRES CLARIFICATION SECOND SENTENCE PARA. ONE OF REFTEL, NAMELY WHETHER AIR CANADA NEED REPEAT NEED FILE OPS SPECS UNDER FAR 129. PROMPT REPLY REQUESTED.
- 2. FROM OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH INGRID HALL AT EXTAFF (OTTAWA 0126), 5TCO TOOK AWAY IMPRESSION THAT GOC FELT IT HAD ALMOST AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT FOR ITS CARRIERS TO TRANSIT U.S. AIR-SPACE ON NON-STOP SCHEDULED FLIGHTS TO THIRD COUNTRY DESTINATIONS, WITH AT THE MOST ONLY A FLIGHT PLAN REQUIREMENT. THE EXAMPLE OF AIR CANADA'S SCHEDULED SERVICE TO MEXICO WAS CITED. IS FILING OF OPS SPECS A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION?
- 3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL SENSITIVITY DISPLAYED BY GOC IN ITS SEEKING PERMISSION FOR AIR CANADA TO LEASE THE DC-8'S TO CUBANA, TO THE POINT OF DECLINING MAKE WRITTEN REQUEST. CONFUSION GENERATED BY USG ACQUIESCENCE TO THIS APPROACH WAS CONSIDERABLE (SEE STATE 20199). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AVOID THIS IN CUBAN OVERFLIGHT SITUATION, EMBASSY

BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BE ABLE EXPLAIN LEGAL BASIS FOR OPS SPECS REQUIREMENT. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT HALL CITED IN CONVERSATION WITH TCO ARTICLE TWO OF 1966 EXCHANGE OF NOTES. IS THIS RELEVANT TO SITUATION? JOHNSON

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